

For the Period July 22 to 28, 2014

Haying is advancing for livestock producers as 57 per cent of the hay crop has now been baled or put into silage, with an additional 22 per cent cut and ready for baling, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Rain showers and high humidity continue to delay haying progress and have decreased hay quality in some areas. At this time, nine per cent of the hay crop is rated as excellent in quality, 82 per cent good, eight per cent fair and one per cent poor.

Much of the province received rainfall this past week ranging from small amounts to several inches. The rain has helped alleviate dry conditions in some southern areas, although additional moisture is needed soon to help crops mature and fill. Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 12 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Storms brought heavy rain, strong winds and damaging hail to some areas of the province. Wheat midge and grasshoppers are causing some crop damage, as are diseases such as root rot, sclerotinia and leaf spots.

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One Year Ago

Livestock producers had 82 per cent of the hay crop cut and 60 per cent baled or put into silage. Crops were in good to excellent condition.

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SK (Provincial) Crop Conditions - July 28, 2014

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	4	4	16	16	10	14	12
% good	70	59	63	62	61	62	61
% fair	20	36	18	18	25	18	18
% poor	5	1	2	3	3	5	6
% very poor	1	0	1	1	1	1	3
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	11	13	12	8	17	14	10
% good	55	58	69	70	59	53	72
% fair	24	21	18	19	19	23	18
% poor	7	7	1	3	4	7	0
% very poor	3	1	0	0	1	3	0

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Crops are progressing well in the region thanks to recent warm weather and timely rain. Haying is also advancing as livestock producers now have 51 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. There is an additional 22 per cent cut and ready for baling. For some producers, haying has been delayed due to the rain and many hay crops are not curing as quickly as normal. Hay quality is rated as 18 per cent excellent, 78 per cent good and four per cent fair.

Rainfall this week ranged from small amounts to 42 mm in the Glenavon area. Since April 1, the Maryfield area has received 469 mm of cumulative rain, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 13 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 12 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. CD 1B is reporting that 34 per cent of the cropland and 32 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Although the rain has been welcomed by many producers, additional moisture will soon be needed in some areas. This will help later-seeded crops mature and fill. Some producers continue to spray for fusarium head blight, sclerotinia and leaf spots. Others are spraying for insects such as grasshoppers in lentil and flax crops. There are many reports of crop loss due to root rots, particularly in lentils and peas. Localized flooding and strong winds have also caused some crop damage this week.

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Southeast							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	5	17	12	11	9	12	5
% good	63	69	65	64	44	57	64
% fair	21	13	17	16	39	24	11
% poor	10	1	5	8	6	6	14
% very poor	1	0	1	1	2	1	6
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	7	13	19	9	7	3	0
% good	48	59	62	66	48	38	100
% fair	25	20	17	22	27	27	0
% poor	14	7	2	3	14	20	0
% very poor	6	1	0	0	4	12	0

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current, Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Storms moved through the region late last week. They brought heavy rain, strong winds and damaging hail to many areas. There are reports of severe crop loss, blown hay swaths, overturned bins and damaged homes and vehicles. While the rain was welcomed by some producers, additional moisture is needed soon to further alleviate dry field conditions.

Haying is advancing well in the region. Livestock producers now have 74 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, with an additional 15 per cent cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as 12 per cent excellent, 82 per cent good and six per cent fair.

Rainfall ranged from small amounts to 30 mm in the Cabri area. Since April 1, the Cadillac area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region at 397 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved this week due to the recent rain. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 75 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Some producers are spraying for leaf spots and sclerotinia as well as for grasshoppers in lentil crops. There are many reports of high crop loss due to root rots, particularly in pulse crops. Crops are advancing and some early-seeded cereals are starting to turn in some areas. In addition to hail and wind, drought conditions have caused the majority of crop damage this week.

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Southwest							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	1	1	16	18	7	21	6
% good	80	44	61	62	61	55	70
% fair	19	55	21	18	32	23	22
% poor	0	0	2	2	0	1	2
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	14	15	9	0	14	16	10
% good	63	65	72	60	58	55	70
% fair	23	19	18	40	22	25	20
% poor	0	1	1	0	5	4	0
% very poor	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Haying progress is advancing in the region thanks to recent warm weather. Livestock producers now have 44 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, with an additional 27 per cent cut and ready for baling. Recent rain and high humidity have slowed down haying operations and delayed curing in the swath. At this time, hay quality is rated as nine per cent excellent, 81 per cent good and 10 per cent fair.

The region received various amounts of rain this week, ranging from small amounts to 30 mm in the Earl Grey area. The Foam Lake area continues to lead the region with the greatest amount of rainfall received since April 1 (529 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 14 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and three per cent short. CDs 5B and 6A are reporting that 17 per cent and 16 per cent of cropland acres have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Recent heat and timely rain has helped crops advance, but many are still behind their normal stages of development. Many producers continue to spray for diseases such as leaf spots and sclerotinia as well as for insects such as grasshoppers and wheat midge. In addition to pests, hail and wind have caused the majority of crop damage this week. There are some reports of lodged crops due to strong winds. There are also reports of high plant loss in pulse crops due to root rots.

Farmers are busy haying and controlling pests.

East-central							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	4	5	8	15	4	4	14
% good	74	78	66	63	64	67	62
% fair	18	15	23	22	28	25	20
% poor	3	2	2	0	3	4	4
% very poor	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	16	5	4	0	18	17	0
% good	54	54	67	100	53	57	75
% fair	28	32	29	0	23	18	25
% poor	2	8	0	0	5	8	0
% very poor	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Warm and dry weather is helping to advance both crops and haying operations. Livestock producers now have 64 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, with an additional 18 per cent cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is decreasing due to high humidity and is rated as four per cent excellent, 81 per cent good and 15 per cent fair.

The Kindersley area received the most rain this week with 92 mm. Since April 1, the Landis area has received 340 mm of cumulative rain, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as seven per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Crops are advancing quickly but are still behind their normal stages of development. Some producers are spraying for wheat midge and grasshoppers in lentils while others continue to spray for sclerotinia and leaf spot diseases in later-seeded crops. Some areas in the southern part of the region received damaging hail, strong winds and localized flooding that has caused some damage to crops.

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West-central							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	10	5	29	19	33	24	27
% good	85	77	63	59	56	64	56
% fair	5	18	7	18	11	10	17
% poor	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
% very poor	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	18	28	17	0	25	20	50
% good	72	58	68	100	65	60	40
% fair	10	12	15	0	7	16	10
% poor	0	1	0	0	2	2	0
% very poor	0	1	0	0	1	2	0

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Warm and dry weather is needed in the region to help dry fields and mature crops. Haying continues despite the wet conditions and high humidity as livestock producers now have 65 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. There is an additional 21 per cent cut and ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as eight per cent excellent, 77 per cent good, eight per cent fair and seven per cent poor.

The Melfort area received the most rainfall this week with 42 mm. The Star City area has received the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1 with 379 mm. Even with warm and windy weather, topsoil moisture conditions have not improved since last week. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 40 per cent surplus and 60 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 65 per cent surplus, 33 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Many areas are in need of warm and dry weather to help dry fields while other areas need rain to help crops mature and fill.

Strong winds and heavy rain have lodged some crops and flooded fields and roads. Crops are advancing but are still behind their normal stages of development. Some producers continue to spray for sclerotinia, fusarium head blight and leaf spots diseases.

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Northeast							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	N/A	N/A	6	3	7	6	0
% good	N/A	N/A	61	55	55	58	59
% fair	N/A	N/A	30	32	34	18	37
% poor	N/A	N/A	2	8	3	17	2
% very poor	N/A	N/A	1	2	1	1	2
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	0	7	0	5	7	0	N/A
% good	66	55	60	60	48	70	N/A
% fair	29	18	20	30	34	20	N/A
% poor	4	19	10	5	7	5	N/A
% very poor	1	1	10	0	4	5	N/A

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Recent rain will help advance crops, although many are now lodged from strong winds received last week. Haying progress is very slow due to wet conditions and high humidity and hay quality is decreasing. Forty-nine per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage, with an additional 28 per cent cut and ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 94 per cent good and six per cent fair.

The Frenchman Butte area received 64 mm of rain this week, although there are reports of higher amounts in nearby areas. Since April 1, the Hafford area has received 421 mm of cumulative rain, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as four per cent surplus, 95 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as two per cent surplus, 97 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

In addition to wind damage, there are also reports of localized flooding and hail damage to some crops. Some producers are spraying for diseases such as sclerotinia and leaf spots. Many crops continue to be behind their normal developmental stages, but are quickly advancing.

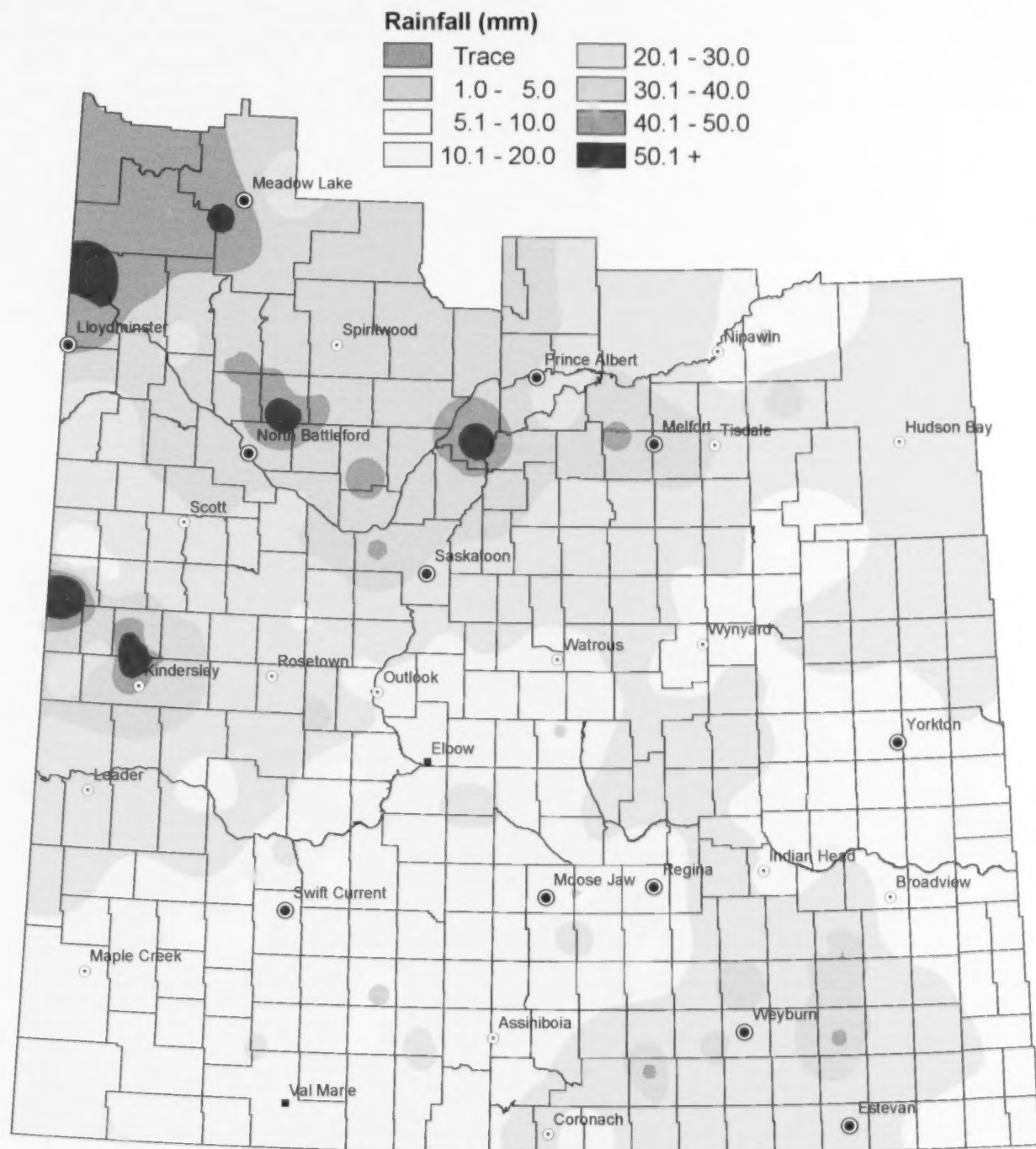
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Northwest							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	35	0	25	N/A	18	22	90
% good	31	100	64	N/A	76	73	10
% fair	34	0	11	N/A	6	5	0
% poor	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
% very poor	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	30	19	N/A	N/A	17	N/A	N/A
% good	70	68	N/A	N/A	64	N/A	N/A
% fair	0	10	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	N/A
% poor	0	3	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
% very poor	0	0	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A

This map of Saskatchewan displays the 49 federal electoral districts, each identified by a number and a letter (e.g., 1A, 2A, 3A, etc.). Major cities are marked with dots and labeled, including Regina, Saskatoon, and Edmonton. The map also shows the provincial boundaries and the locations of the four territories: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending July 28, 2014



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period July 22 to 28, 2014

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	12	245	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	153	7A	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	20
	3	Enniskillen	19	205		51	Reno	12.7	128.5		287	St. Andrews	21	334
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	244		79	Arlington	17	281		288	Pleasant Valley	25	282
	34	Browning	28	277		109 A	Carmichael	18	199		290 A	Kindersley	31	198
	61	Antler	N/A	432		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	149		290 B	Kindersley	37	142.5
	63	Moose Mountain	21	366		110	Papot	12	147		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	159.2
	64	Brock	27	272		111	Maple Creek	N/A	93		292	Milton	27	245
	66	Tecumseh	41	370	4B	139	Gull Lake	7	214		317 A	Marriott	30	157.5
1B	91	Maryfield	12	469		141	Big Stick	10	150		317 B	Marriott	18	296
	122	Martin	N/A	600		142	Enterprise	24	208		318	Mountain View	25	322
	123	Silverwood	17	349		169	Pittville	N/A	162		320 A	Oakdale	29	226.1
	124	Kingsley	15	335		231	Happyland	21	196		320 B	Oakdale	92	291
	125 A	Chester	28	346	5A	183 A	Fertile Belt	15	359		321	Prairieville	26	246
	125 B	Chester	42	384		183 B	Fertile Belt	N/A	369	7B	347	Bigger	27	319
	151 A	Rocanville	7	431		186	Abermethy	13	373		350 A	Mariposa	24	235.6
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	503		211	Churchbridge	8	313		350 B	Mariposa	26	321
	154	Elcabo	N/A	375		213	Saltcoats	18	401		351	Progress	18	258
	155 A	Wolseley	20.5	325		216	Tullymet	19	291.5		352	Hearl's Hill	69	273
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	378		241	Calder	19	288		377	Glenside	21	338
	67	Weyburn	29	255		243	Wallace	N/A	319		378 A	Rosemount	21	266
2A	68	Brokenshell	33	233		244	Orkney	N/A	415		378 B	Rosemount	24	309
	97	Wellington	34.5	249		245 A	Garry	9	409		379	Reford	29	340
2B	127 A	Francis	29	345		245 B	Garry	13	448		381	Grass Lake	N/A	206
	127 B	Francis	28	253.7		245 C	Garry	N/A	432		382	Eye Hill	10	241.6
	129	Brat's Lake	7	246.5		246	Ituna Bon Accord	20	391		409	Buffalo	32	253
	131 A	Baildon	25	309		247	Kellross	24	359		410	Round Valley	N/A	285.4
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	362.2		248	Touchwood	N/A	295	8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	243
	156 A	Indian Head	12.5	385	5B	271	Cote	24	301		397	Barrier Valley	20.1	324.4
	156 B	Indian Head	19	427.5		273	Sliding Hills	19	496		428	Star City	39	379
	157	South Qu'Appelle	22	334		277	Emerald	23	529		456	Arbortfield	33	378
	160 A	Pense	4	303		305	Invermay	25	425		457	Connaught	N/A	265
	160 B	Pense	N/A	75		307	Elfron	7	396		486	Moose Range	4	289
	161	Moose Jaw	10	382		308 A	Big Gull	16	308		487	Nipawin	13	227
	162	Caron	8	371		308 B	Big Gull	N/A	268	8B	369	St. Peter	27	327
3ASE	191	Marquis	27	345		331	Livingston	23	333		370 A	Humboldt	30	361
	38 A	Laurier	29	288.9		334	Preeceville	N/A	112		370 B	Humboldt	30	351
	38 B	Laurier	20	264		336	Sasman	22	315		371	Bayne	23	366
	39 A	The Gap	30	220		337	Lakeview	17	311		372	Grant	30	358.5
	39 B	The Gap	42	258		338	Lakeside	14	327		400	Three Lakes	28	370
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	16	172		366	Kelvington	9	336		402	Fish Creek	33	348
	12	Poptar Valley	25	281		367	Ponass Lake	27	341		429	Flett's Springs	42	310
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	191	6A	190 A	Dufferin	25	505		459	Kinistino	N/A	308
	40 B	Bengough	24	248		190 B	Dufferin	16	402.5		460	Birch Hills	27.3	310.2
	42	Willow Bunch	15	247		190 C	Dufferin	13	348	9AE	488	Torch River	28	294
	43	Old Post	18	278		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	189.5		491	Buckland	N/A	369
	70	Key West	N/A	63.6		219	Longlakeston	30	331	9AW	406	Mayfield	33	296
	73 A	Stonehenge	15.2	261.5		220	Mckillop	23	458		435	Redberry	44	421
	73 B	Stonehenge	12	328		221	Samia	13	391.8		436	Douglas	38	351
	74	Wood River	25	200.5		222	Craik	N/A	320		463	Duck Lake	56	370.9
3AN	101	Terrell	17	265		251	Big Arm	4	418		467 A	Round Hill	58	420
	102	Lake Johnston	18.4	233.8		252	Arm River	17	387	9B	467 B	Round Hill	38	243
	103	Sutton	N/A	150		279	Mount Hope	21	351		438	Battle River	N/A	187
	132 A	Hillsborough	15.5	238.5		282	McCrane	11	373		440	Hillsdale	N/A	294.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	16	307		309	Prairie Rose	27	386		442	Manitou Lake	22.4	238.4
	134	Shamrock	N/A	222		310	Usborne	N/A	166.5		498 A	Parkdale	46	289.5
	193 A	Eyebrow	11	312		312	Morris	10	123		498 B	Parkdale	28	228
	193 B	Eyebrow	29	324		313	Lost River	N/A	306		499	Mervin	25	216.5
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	294		339	Leroy	23.4	403.5		501 A	Frenchman Butte	42	310
3BS	17	Val Marie	12	397		340	Wolverine	23	346		501 B	Frenchman Butte	32	246
	75 A	Pinto Creek	7	260		341	Viscount	N/A	287		501 C	Frenchman Butte	64	323
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	220		343 A	Blucher	25	307.9		502	Britannia	45.5	230
	76	Auvergne	13	198		343 B	Blucher	30	200		561	Loon Lake	42	319
	77	Wise Creek	22	310		254	Loreburn	11	257		588 A	Meadow Lake	25	297
	78	Grassy Creek	12	282	6B	284	Rudy	18	316		588 B	Meadow Lake	43	346
	105	Glenbain	3.5	182.5		285	Fertile Valley	18	242		588 C	Meadow Lake	52	307
	106	Whiska Creek	17	323		286	Milden	33	186		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	321.2
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	170		314	Dundum	18	284		622	Beaver River	42.5	259.7
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	206		344	Corman Park	41	336					
3BN	137	Swift Current	N/A	41.6		346	Perdue	N/A	283					
	138 A	Webb	7.5	228.5		376	Eagle Creek	38	330					
	138 B	Webb	10	240.3		403	Rosthern	39	293					
	166	Excelsior	7	214										
	167	Sask. Landing	21.2	235.6										
	168 A	Riverside	8	200										
	168 B	Riverside	29.7	230.9										
	226	Victory	6	233										
	228	Lacadena	14	199										
	257	Monet	22.5	161.1										

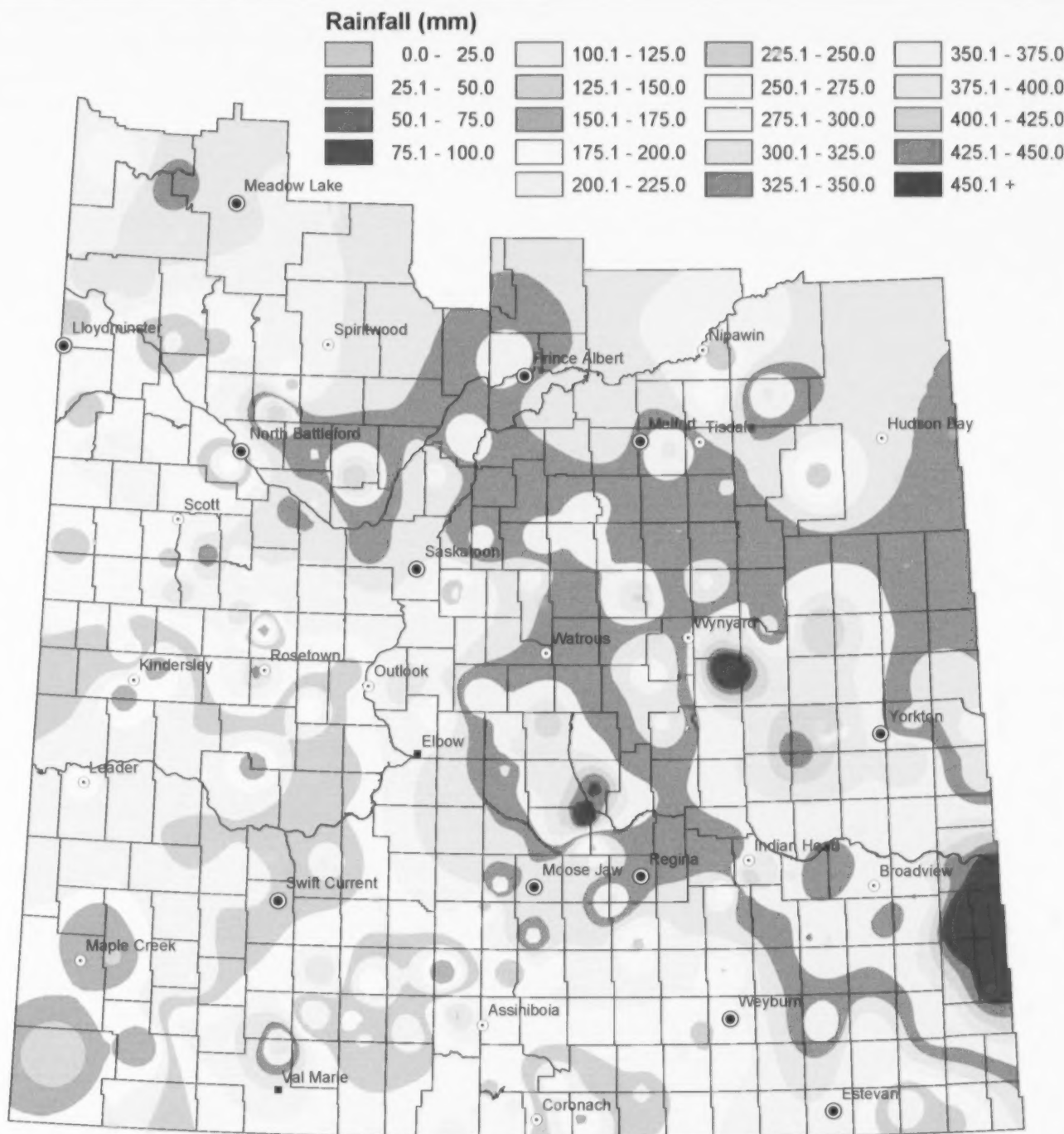
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Cumulative Rainfall

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To: July 28, 2014

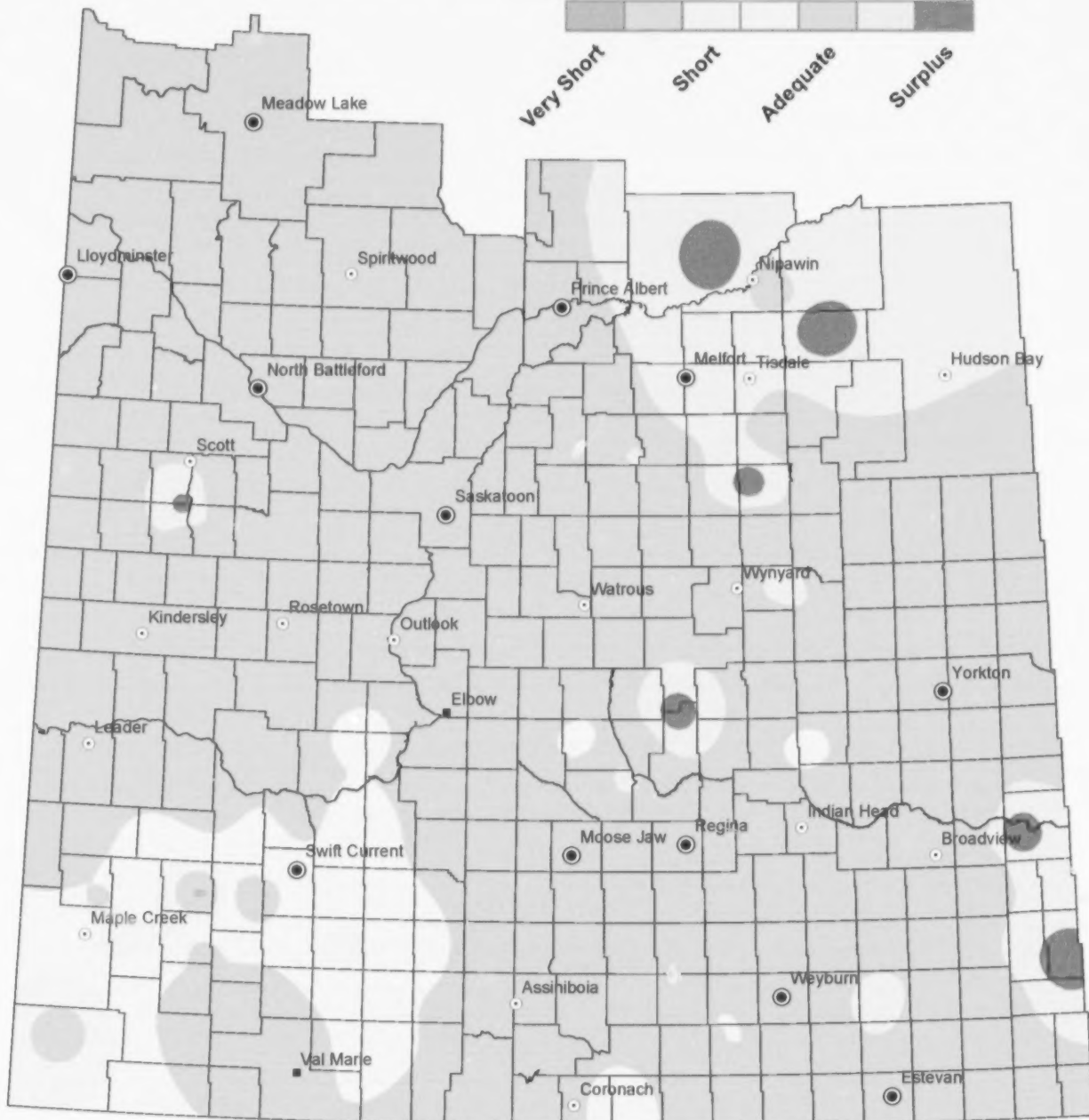
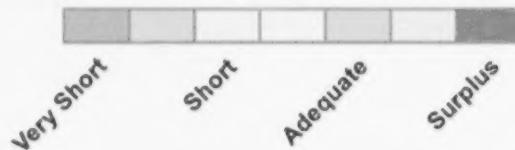


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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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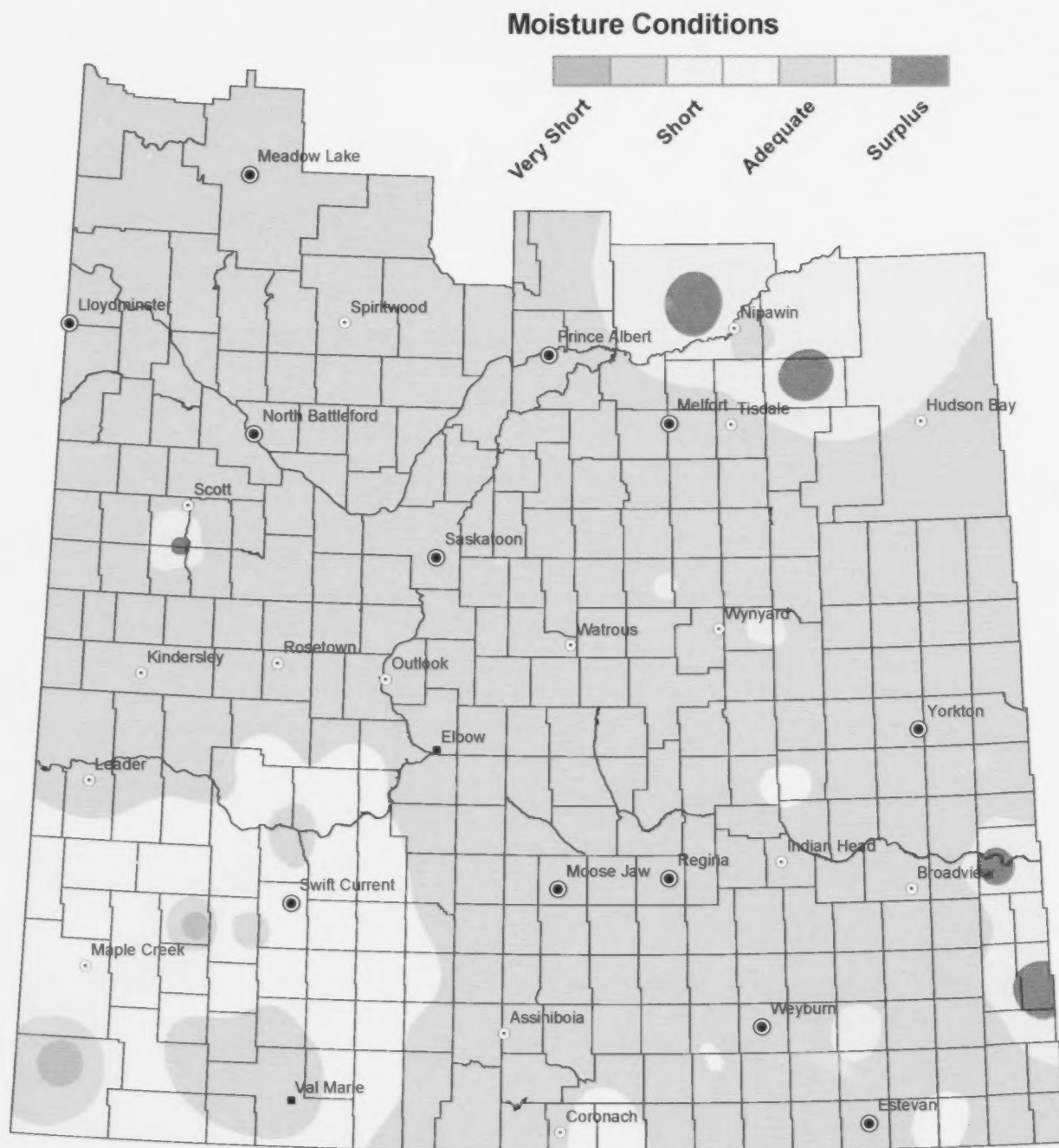
Moisture Conditions



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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 29, 2014



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